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SPRING IS HERE!

After an extremely wet winter season, the spring months lie ahead. This means longer days, warmer temperatures, and more opportunities to exercise green thumbs. Also, the season change is an excellent time for residents to revisit some important water wise topics.

First, the change in seasons is the right time to modify your irrigation schedule. Review the total minutes of irrigation per start time, the number of total cycles per day, and the frequency of days per week the irrigation system is used. An extremely valuable tool for determining these values is the watering guide at www.bewaterwise.com.

After adjusting the irrigation schedule, take a moment to review the types of plants in your landscape. Perhaps there is an opportunity to introduce California-Native or drought tolerant plants that are not as water intensive. Many local nursery staff members have an acquired knowledge and experience with the type of plants that thrive in Southern Orange County's arid climate. Before making any substantive changes to your landscape, ensure that all necessary Homeowner Association requirements have been satisfied to do so.

Remember, the change in weather marks the change from the cool season to the warm season in TCWD's Tiered Rate Structure. The cool season runs from October to March, and the warm season begins in April and ends in September. Please visit www.tcwd.ca.gov to review the Tiered Rate Structure.

2010 WINTER STORM FEMA UPDATE

As a result of the extensive winter storm damage to the District's infrastructure, TCWD staff members are working with FEMA and CalEMA staff in the assessment of the District-wide damage. Also, the District has formally started the documentation submittal process for project cost reimbursement and expects reimbursement within the next twelve months.

WELLS FACILITY UPDATE

On February 27, 2011, Metropolitan Water District's Diemer Plant shut down for a total of ten days for scheduled maintenance and repairs. In past years, TCWD has routinely met water demands with a blend of purchased water from Irvine Lake and the groundwater pumped from District-owned wells in the Canyon. Since the completion of the wells facility, TCWD was able to rely solely on local well production during the entire ten day period and extending through mid–March.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Regular Board of Directors Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District's office located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon. The public is encouraged to attend.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board Meeting was held on March 16, 2011, and the following items are highlights from the Meeting:

- Status update relating to Rose Canyon and Lang Wells Groundwater Treatment Facility
- Discussion and Action relating to Activities for Water Awareness Month
- Status update relating to Storm Damage
- Review and action relating to Procedural Guidelines and Agreement for District Service

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MAY IS WATER AWARENESS MONTH! COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

You are invited to tour the NEW

Trabuco Creek Wells Facility

located at

20772 Rose Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon

SATURDAY, MAY 7th, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Join us for the following fun-filled & learning activities

See TCWD's Water Treatment Methods at the Well Facility
See Water District Vehicles and Equipment
Visit the Displays that provide important water information
Enjoy Complimentary Hot Dogs, Chips & fresh Well Water in the Canyon